



Straight-A Guide

Begins with Attitude

Straight-A Guide Life Skills Program

“The program’s authenticity makes it unique. Facilitators may rely upon the 50 videos, the literature, and the detailed work assignments the Michael G. Santos Foundation created to provide participants with a step-by-step guide to reject criminal lifestyles and begin preparations for law-abiding, contributing lives.”

—**Professor Joan Petersilia, Ph.D. Stanford Law School Professor**

“The Straight-A Guide Program shows at-risk youth and adult offenders how to transform their lives.”

—**David Muhammad, Former Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County; CEO, Solutions, Inc.**

“The Straight-A Guide material is very well developed. The lessons present a logical sequence of topics and activities related to self-discovery, awareness, and transformation. The Straight-A Guide program has tremendous potential to help many youth and adults transform their lives and redirect their activity into more positive directions.”

—**Peter E. Leone, Ph.D. Professor, Department of Counseling, University of Maryland**

“I am pleased to be using The Straight-A Guide Reentry Program at the CORE—Center for Opportunity Reentry & Education—Facility in Santa Ana, California. The videos, together with the written exercises, help our facilitators persuade those in our population that participants who follow the values-based, goal-oriented strategies of the Straight-A Guide are more successful at reintegrating into society and building meaningful lives. Additionally, those who complete the program will earn valuable credits towards their high school diploma.”

—**Steve Thornhill, Program Manager, Orange County Department of Education**

“The National Guard’s Sunburst Youth Challenge Academy enthusiastically endorses the Straight-A Guide program presented by the Michael G. Santos Foundation. Each year we work with several hundred at-risk youth in Orange County. The literature and empowering message of The Straight-A Guide inspires our cadets to work toward reaching their highest potential. Since those who deliver the message transformed their life while enduring the challenge of imprisonment, they provide our cadets with hope that they too can become more than the external influences or the decisions of their past.”

—**MaryLou Vachet, Program Administrator, Orange County Department of Education**